

**IDAHO BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
**Bureau of Occupational Licenses**  
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**Conference Call Minutes of 10/16/2012**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gayla Nickel - Chair  
Paul J Weston  
Brooke E Barnes  
Linda A Chatburn

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ione Springer

**BUREAU STAFF:** Tana Cory, Bureau Chief  
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager  
Maurie Ellsworth, Legal Counsel  
Cherie Simpson, Management Assistant  
Helle Newton, Technical Records Specialist I

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tony Ellis, NW Career Colleges Federation

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM MDT by Gayla Nickel.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Weston made a motion to table the approval of the minutes of 8/15/2012, 8/20/2012, 8/22/2012, and 9/10/2012 until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Barnes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed previous correspondence from Betsy Ogden. Her inquiry was about body scrubs and body wraps by massage therapists. The Board noted that these treatments are taught in massage schools, and are in the scope of practice as defined in the law regulating massage therapists. The Board's determination is that a scrub or wrap must be in conjunction with massage treatment and is considered massage therapy due to application with pressure to soft tissues.

The Board discussed correspondence from Rich Priest, Onsen International. An Onsen therapist must determine whether the Onsen technique used by a

massage therapist is separate from the practice of massage therapy. The Board will invite him to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to discuss any questions he still has.

The Board discussed the frequently asked questions (FAQs) page. Ms. Nickel will work with the Bureau on consolidating questions and details to be included on the page.

Mr. Weston left the meeting at 1:57 p.m. MDT.

The Board discussed the letter that went to cities that have a current massage therapist license requirement and the response received as of this date. The Board decided to contact the Association of Idaho Cities to ask if a letter could be sent to all cities regarding the state licensure requirement.

### **APPLICATION FORMS**

Applications and differences between application by endorsement or by grandfathering were discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed correspondence from Dana Wallace regarding requirements for licensing if a person is not currently practicing but meets the education requirements. The Board directed the Bureau to respond, referring her to the Law and Rules on the website.

The Board discussed drafting a letter to massage therapists advising of requirements for state licensure. Ms. Chatburn will work with the Bureau to draft an informational letter.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for November 5, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. MDT.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m. MDT. It was seconded by Ms. Chatburn. Motion carried.

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Gayla Nickel, Chair

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